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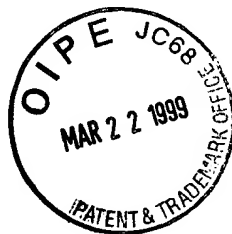
In re the application of:

SWAAK

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ARTHRITIS



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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed December 21, 1998. The following amendments represent a sincere attempt by applicant to advance the application to a condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and entry of the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 14, 18, 20, 22, 24 and 26 as follows:

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14. (Amended) A method of treating chronic inflammation in a patient in need thereof, comprising administering to the patient [an] a chronic inflammation treating